

SUGAR SHOULD BE SOLD UNDER 12 CENTS POUND

Scarcely Sends Prices To As High As 13 and 14 Cents In Some Rock Island Stores.

According to a leading local grocer, sugar should be retailed at 12 cents or under in Rock Island. Yet 13 and 14 cents a pound is being charged and some dealers have announced that they will have to place it on sale as high as 15 cents. These retailers are not profiteering but they are compelled to pay a higher price for the product than is allowed by the government fair price committee.

The government fair price committee allows the dealers a maximum price of 1 1/2 cents a pound. When buying direct from the wholesaler, the dealer pays 10 cents a pound and many stores purchasing the product in this manner are able to retail sugar at 11 cents a pound. Others are unable to buy direct and have to purchase through a wholesaler. In some cases one or two times, the result being that they must pay more for the sugar wholesale than patrons at the stores which buy direct, pay for it at retail.

"If any dealer is charging 15 cents for sugar," the local grocer said, "he is compelled to charge more for it than he should and he should report the matter to the attorney general's department in Washington. The department is endeavoring to eliminate the selling and retailing of sugar. The local dealer is allowed a cent and a half profit. There have been numerous promises within the last few months that the sugar shortage would soon be over. It will not be for two or three weeks before we will begin to feel the relief that the best sugar will bring. Up to the present time we have had to depend wholly on the cane sugar supply but now California, Colorado and Utah beet sugar refineries are in operation and we can expect to get this sugar on the market in two or three weeks. It will help a whole lot. We are better situated now than we were a couple of weeks ago. At that time there was no sugar coming into the tri-cities. Now there are small quantities arriving.

Carload at 11 1/2 Cents.

"A Davenport wholesale concern was compelled to pay 11 1/2 cents a pound for a carload of sugar recently. That shows you that the quantity you buy makes no difference in the price.

"Retail stores are selling sugar only to their regular customers. This has to be done to protect the regular trade. Otherwise a person could go from one store to another and get all the sugar he wanted. This is the only way we can control our supply.

"It is lamentable that the shortage should be so severe and the patrons can have only two pounds at a time. There are still peaches for canning and the shortage of sugar has prevented many from putting up fruit who otherwise would have."

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prevent the ratifying resolution from coming to a vote in objectionable form. This would transfer the right to the question of responsibility for delaying peace. Those who were holding up the treaty would contend that in its amended form, it is a rejection of the treaty and a violation of the while those who had passed a ratifying resolution with reservations might argue that enough votes were available to move the treaty out of the senate into negotiation with other powers.

But Mr. Wilson apparently intends from now on to demonstrate where the responsibility for delay lies. He says again and again in his speeches that as he has now crossed the continent, he is qualified to say that an overwhelming sentiment favors the immediate ratification of the treaty.

Certainly in California, Utah and Wyoming as well as in Oregon, Washington and Montana, the states which practically elected Mr. Wilson in 1916—this is unquestionably true. The people in these states do not object to reservations but as soon as one asks the question as to the character of reservations deemed wise, it is immediately declared that only reservations which do not mean new negotiations with Germany or the associated powers will be approved by the people.

Senator Smoot of Utah is confronted now with the fact that President Grant of the Mormon church has come out in favor of the covenant without qualifications. Senator Warren of Wyoming faces a watchful constituency which wants him to see that a league of nations is established and which will not approve of destructive reservations. This information was given to me by a well informed man disinterested in politics, who has just made a canvass of the League of Nations sentiment in all parts of Wyoming. I obtained virtually the same impression in Utah. The western states have analyzed the treaty and covenant more than have the eastern states and have been won to the central idea of it. They think its imperfections can be cured when once they are afraid of the consequences of rejection of the treaty at this time, especially when no substitute is offered to guarantee the peace of the world.

Selling Prices In Rock Island.

The prices below are the prices at which the retail merchant sells to the consumer, taken according to the quality of the product.

Live Poultry.	
Hens	25c
Broilers	25c
Ducks	25c
Geese	25c
Dressed Poultry.	
Chickens, spring	40c
Hens	40c
Broilers	40c
Ducks	40c
Geese	40c
Fish.	
Halibut, steak, pound	35c
Chickens, steak, pound	35c
Trout, per pound	35c
Perch, per pound	35c
Salmon, per pound	35c
Vegetables.	
Corn, yellow, bushel	50c
Green string beans, 10 lb.	50c
Peas, bushel	50c
Beans, bushel	50c
Onions, bushel	50c
Carrots, bushel	50c
Potatoes, bushel	50c
Tomatoes, bushel	50c
Cucumbers, bushel	50c
Peppers, bushel	50c
Spinach, bushel	50c
Brussels sprouts, bushel	50c
Cauliflower, bushel	50c
Kale, bushel	50c
Turnips, bushel	50c
Radishes, bushel	50c
Beets, bushel	50c
Asparagus, bushel	50c
Artichokes, bushel	50c
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